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MESSAGE (if any):

Pursuant to our recent discussion, following is a proposed response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006, in the subject application. Please review the draft response and contact me to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Title: HYDROXYCITRIC ACID COMPOSITIONS,
PHARMACEUTICAL AND DIETARY
SUPPLEMENTS AND FOOD PRODUCTS
MADE THEREFROM, AND METHODS FOR
THEIR USE IN REDUCING BODY WEIGHT

PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2006, in the above-identified application.

The Examiner is thanked for helpful discussion and suggestions in an interview on August 22, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.